JOHNNY HARRIS AND MIKE LEWIS of the Appomattox Volunteer Fire Department are shown holding the first-place trophy which the department took at the Buckingham County Day activities Saturday. The event, which was held at the Buckingham County High School, included a parade of firefighting vehicles from around this region. This is the first year that the local company has taken first place in the competition.

USDA calls for comments on tobacco price support

By TOM CONRAD

Proposed price support levels for eligible kinds of tobacco at about 9.4 percent above the 1979 levels have been announced.

Public comment has been asked on the proposed levels and also on whether the method of supporting tobacco should continue to be through loans to producer associations.

The proposed 1980 support levels, by kind, and comparable 1979 rates are as follows:

Kind	1979 Crop	1980 Crop (cents per lb.)
Burley, type 31	133.3	145.9
Va. fire-cured, type 21	90.4	98.9
Va. sun-cured, type 37	80.4	88.0

Current legislation requires that price support be made available for those kinds of tobacco for which producers have approved marketing quotas. The law requires that the levels of support for those kinds of tobacco be determined by first calculating the ratio of the average index of prices paid by farmers during calendar year 1977-1979 (761) to the index average for 1959 (296). This ratio (2.55) is then multiplied by the 1959 support level for each kind of tobacco to determine the 1980 support level. In 1979, support prices were 233 percent of the 1959 prices; for 1980 proposed support prices are 255 percent of the 1959 prices.

Written comments should be submitted to the Director Price Support and Loan Division, USDA-ASCS, P. O. Box 2415, Washington, D. C. 20013. Comments must be received no later than May 27. The comments will be made available for public inspection during regular business hours at the office of the Director, Room 3741 of USDA's South Building.

Price support programs for tobacco are administered by ASCS through contracts with producer associations.

Crop reporting date changes - There have been some changes made as far as reporting dates for wheat, feed grain, and soybean crops.

Originally wheat, barley, oats and rye were to be reported no later than May 1. That date has been extended to June 1.

For growers of grain sorghum and soybeans, your final reporting date was, prior to the change, July 15. That date has now been cut back to June 30. The corn reporting date remains unchanged and growers of this crop will still need to report by June 30.

By reporting the above mentioned crops by the specific dates famers make themselves eligible for disaster payments, deficiency payments and commodity loans. If you are not interested in the benefits, you should report so that history acreage can be recorded and ASCS records can be kept up to date.

For more information on the wheat and feed grain program, stop by the ASCS office.

Report purchases and sales of land - Farmers in Appomattox County are asked to report purchases and sales of land. We need this information so that our records can be kept up to date. When land is purchased and/or sold, the tobacco allotments and/or NCA may change. To be sure that the correct allotments or NCA are on the farm it is especially important that all sales and purchase transactions are reported.

ECD contest Saturday

By FRANK SWEET
Extension Agent

The East Central District 4-H Contest will be held this Saturday, May 10, at Appomattox County High School. 4-H members from a 19 county area, including the Cities of Lynchburg and Charlottesville will be taking part in the program. Winners from Saturday's competition will have the opportunity to take part in State 4-H Congress which is held at Virginia Tech in late June.

During Saturday's program, 4-H'ers will be involved in demonstrations, illustrated talks, public speaking, Share-the-Fun, archery skills, chicken barbeque, tractor driving, egg grading, and auto skills driving.

4-H'ers from the Evergreen Community 4-H Club and the 4-H Achievers Club will provide lunch for the participants in the program.

Happiness is 4-H

The public is invited to come and watch any of the events in which they may be interested. The contest will begin at 10:00 a.m. and should conclude by shortly after lunch.

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A reminder that 4-H applications are due in by May 30. Class schedules and a 4-H health form are being sent to each 4-H'er who signed up for camp.

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Nine Appomattox 4-H'ers have entered animals in the Piedmont Area Jr. Livestock Show to be held Friday and Saturday, June 13 and 14, in Farmville. Planning to participate are: Glen McClenry, Kenneth McClenny, Patty Harris, Dale Clowdis, Glen Clowdis, Lisa Coleman, Warren Thoma, Steven Thoma, and Karen Gilliam.

Pageant May 17

The Miss May Day pageant will be held May 17 at 7 p.m. in the Appomattox County High School auditorium.

Tickets, which cost $2 for adults and $1 for children, will be on sale at the door.

Nuclear Info Available

A booklet, Protection in the Nuclear Age, and four movies by the same name are available from the Virginia Office of Emergency and Energy Services to those interested in learning how to prepare for nuclear situations.

The information may be obtained by contacting Town Manager Bill Britton, who serves as Emergency Systems Coordinator of Appomattox County.

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Real Estate Tips

by Kathy Meadows

BEFORE YOU BUY A HOME, HERE ARE SOME THINGS YOU SHOULD THINK ABOUT, AND STEPS YOU SHOULD CONSIDER TAKING:

Choose the general area you would like to live that best meets your needs, such as: distance to schools and work, shopping, medical and other facilities. Decide what type of home you would like, the number of rooms your family will need and any other special requirements such as a fireplace, garage, or full basement. Determine how much you can afford to invest for a down payment and monthly installments.

Now you are ready to consult your Realtor. Your Realtor is aware of the available homes that meet your requirements and can show you the homes that will suit you best. Your Realtor can answer questions you have concerning taxes, neighborhoods, zoning laws and market values. He will also search for the best source of financing available for your particular needs.

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The amount of down payment depends on the source of financing and the local money market. The greater the down payment, the less your interest charges will be.

Some financial experts suggest that your monthly installments should not exceed 25% of your gross monthly income. Along those same lines, the price of your home should not exceed your total salary for 2½ years.

An appraisal of the house may be required by the lender. The appraisal is based on physical and economical data. It protects you from paying more for a home than the market allows.

Closing costs are paid to the lender in cash. Closing costs can cover: credit report fees, title insurance, fire insurance, appraisal fees, recording of deeds, legal fees, property taxes and charges for processing the loan application. All of these costs are not always included. Your lender will estimate your closing costs for you and your Realtor can help explain details concerning these.

Ask the Realtor about homes you want to see or the process of getting the one you want. These are the areas in which he is highly skilled and his knowledge is geared to assisting you in negotiating a transaction that will be satisfying for many years to come.

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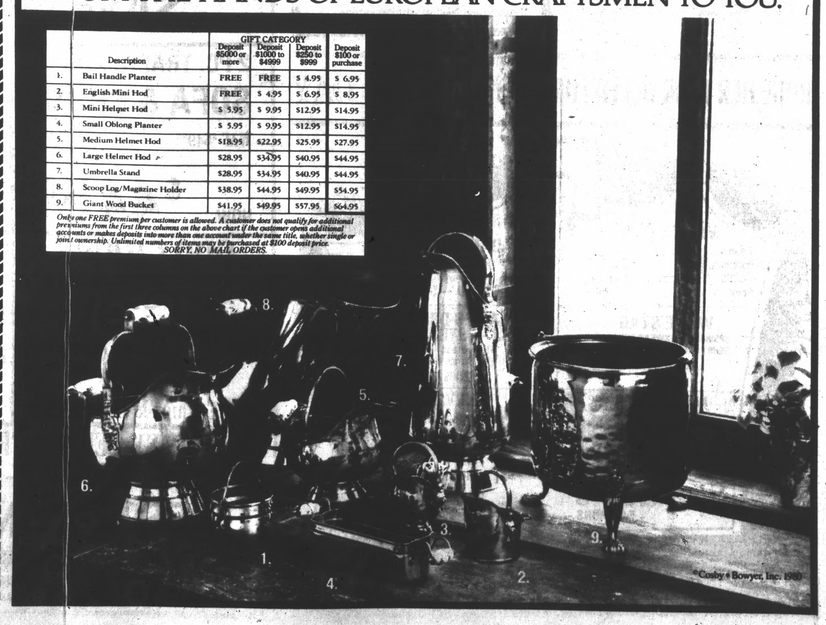

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Raiders win one, lose two

The Raider varsity baseball team's won-loss record stood at 8-9 at the end of last week, following losses to Nelson County and Altavista and a win over Brookville.

Jimmy Allen and Kevin White combined to hold the Raiders to five hits in the game against Nelson County Monday.

The Raiders had tied the score at 4-4 following a home run and squeeze-bunt play by Terry Woods and Ricky Harris, but Nelson County exploded for five runs in the fifth inning to take the lead and ice the game, 9-4.

A double by Darrell Schrock and a single by Gus Paulette were the only two hits recorded by the Raiders against the strong pitching of Altavista's Tracy Burgess Wednesday.

Burgess struck out 13 Raider batters in the game, which the local team lost, 5-1.

Friday the Raiders played errorless ball in defeating Brookville, 5-2.

Kevin Mitchell, a freshman, combined with Schrock to lead the Raiders to the victory.

Mitchell pitched the first five innings, and Schrock came on to relieve him in the sixth.

Greg Cheatham and Keith Mann each had two hits to lead Raider hitters, who made good use of their eight hits to score their five runs.

THIS YEAR'S GIRLS' tennis team at ACHS, which is entering competition in the district tournament, includes (front row, from left) Dana McGrath, Kim Hipps, Linda Cowan, Dana Ford, and Bobbie McFaden; (back row, from left) Coach Lucy Harris, Cheryl Walton (team manager), Susan Johnson, Susan George, Rhonda Jaggers, and Patty Roach.

Girls set for tourney

The Appomattox Girls tennis team takes on Brookville today (Thursday) at Lynchburg College at 9 a.m. in the opening round of the Seminole District Tennis Tournament.

The local team is one of four in the district tourney, and is paired off against top-seeded Brookville. The winner of today's match will take on the winner of the Rustburg-Altavista match, scheduled for immediately following the Raiderette's contest.

The doubles competition will be held Saturday, with the Raiderettes' doubles teams facing off against Brookville starting at 9 a.m.

The Raiderettes enter the tournament with an 8-6 record in the conference.

In action last week, the local girls downed Amherst 5-2, but fell to Altavista 2-7 and to Brookville 0-9.

Bobbie McFaden, Linda Cowan, Dana Ford and Kim Hipps all won their singles' matches against Amherst, 8-6, 8-1, 8-2, and 8-5, respectively.

Hipps and Cowan teamed up to defeat Kelly Lenz and Ester Brown 6-0, and Ford and McFaden were leading Andrea Overman and Ginny Nash 4-1 when their match was called because of rain.

Ford was the only Raiderette to win in singles' competition against Altavista, defeating Donna Tyler 8-4. Kim Hipps took Lee Ann Williamson to a tie-breaker before losing the match 9-1, after dropping the tie-breaker 5-1.

Karen Covington and Dana McGrath won their doubles' competition 6-2 over Cristy Davis and Cammy Skeeter for the only Raiderette win in doubles' competition.

Hipps again took her opponent to a tie-breaker in singles' competition against undefeated Brookville, falling to Lauria Guthrie 11-10 following the 5-4 tie-breaker loss. Brookville defeated the Raiderettes 9-0.

Girls continue winning; Belter still unbeaten

Three more wins brought the Appomattox softball team's record to 14-1 in the Seminole District last week.

The girls continued their winning ways with victories over Nelson County, Altavista and Brookville.

Last Monday the girls smothered Nelson County 11-3 on the four-hit pitching of Johnna Belter.

The Raiderettes tallied 12 hits, 11 walks and five stolen bases enroute to their victory.

Susan Handy recorded three hits, drove in two runs and scored two in the game. Annette Carter got two hits as well, including a double, scored a run and drove in one. Debbie Smith had two hits and batted in two, and crossed the plate herself once.

Belter and Angie Richardson also scored two runs each.

The girls had only two errors in the game.

Belter recorded the win, her ninth of the season.

Thursday the girls buried Altavista 22-0, on another four-hit pitching performance by Belter. It was her tenth win this season.

The Raiderettes had 17 hits in the game, including triples by Handy, Carter, Smith (2), and Sherri Repass. Handy also got a double in the game.

Carter drove in five runs, and Richardson and Smith each drove in four. Coach Mary Tolley noted that all the players saw action, and the substitutes made three straight outs in the final inning on three "very good plays."

The Raiderettes did not commit an error in the game.

Brookville scored two runs in the first inning Friday to take an early lead, but the Raiderettes stormed back with nine hits, holding Brookville to only four after the first inning, to win the game, 6-2.

Susan Handy led all hitters with two, and Belter, Carter, Handy, Smith, Martin and Preston each scored a run.

Belter got the win, for her eleventh this season.

Track team set for district meet

Appomattox County High School's boys' and girls' track teams will be well represented in the district track meet slated for this Saturday at Jefferson Forest High School.

"This is the greatest number of athletes we've had in the district meet since I've been here as track coach," according to coach Ray Archer.

Archer, whose girls team has compiled a 3-3 record and boys team has a 4-3 record, is anticipating a good showing by the local athletes Saturday.

Boys participating in the meet will be Robert Harding (long jump, triple jump, 100 meters, 200 meters and 880 relay); Ralph Robinson (high jump and mile relay); pole vaulters Luis Garcia, Kevin Jaggers and Wayne Phelps; shot-put and discus throwers Jeff Bryant and Charles Rixey; Lewis Foster (high hurdles, intermediate hurdles and 880 relay); Kenny Shorter (800 meters); Scott Stevens (1600 meters); and the mile relay team of Jaggers, Charles Walker, Kenny Shorter and Alonzo Dillard.

Girls scheduled to participate in the meet include Laurie Mitchell (long jump and 100-meter low hurdles); Debbie Williams, Susan Eye, Ann Hunter, and Beverly Coleman (high jump); Ruby Smith (100 meters and 200 meters); Jane Harding (100 meters); Kathy Lewis (400 meters); Donna Layne (1600 meters); and Yolanda Miller (1600 meters).

Archer said that there would be girls 440, 880, and mile relay teams as well, but the teams had not been picked as of press time.

Runners set for Heart Fund run

A number of Appomattox runners participated in the Poplar Forest Road Races on Saturday, May 3, held at the Poplar Forest Recreation Association in Lynchburg. These races were quite a challenge because of the hilly course and warm sunny day (after 2 weeks of cool, rainy days).

Local runners and their times for 2-Mile Race: Robert Garrett - 12 min. 38 sec., Townley Smoak - 20 min. 24 sec., Edith Smoak - 22 min. 35 sec.

Local runners and their times for 8-Mile Race: Robert Pankey - 56 min. 48 sec., Herbert Hamlett - 57 min. 43 sec., Dickie Smith - 58 min. 18 sec., Robert Smoak - 67 min. 06 sec., Sammy Dickerson - 70 min. 00 sec., Bonnie Pankey - 75 min. 59 sec.

On Saturday, May 10, there will be a 1-mile fun run and a 5-mile run for the benefit of the Heart Association (registration fee tax deductible).

These races will be at 10:00 and start at Paul Munro School on Trents Ferry Road, Lynchburg.

Registration fee is $5.00 for the 5-mile run if registering in advance; $6.00 day of race. Fee for the fun run is $1.00. Race T-shirts and/or mugs to all finishers, and refreshments available for runners. Support the Heart Association and enjoy running with other runners. You'll meet new friends and you'll be one race closer to being ready for the Railroad Day 10K. For more information, call 352-8717.

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